

**FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2015, 2014**

A work session of the Fruitport Charter Township Board began at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2015, in the township board room.

Members Present: Brian Werschem, Supervisor; Carol Hulka, Clerk; Rose Dillon, Treasurer; Trustee Ron Becklin, Dave Markgraf, Marjorie Nash and Chuck Whitlow. Members Absent: None

At 7:00 p.m., the Supervisor opened the regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer.

Also Present: 0-employees; 0-residents, Public Safety Director, Doctor, DPW Director, Farrar, Township Attorney, Bultje, and Muskegon County Administrator, Mark Eisenbarth

The meeting minutes of March 9, 2015, regular meeting, were approved as presented.

The motion by Ron Becklin, supported by Marjorie Nash, was **carried unanimously**, to amend the meeting agenda for March 23, 2015 board meeting as follows:

Under Item 07 Unfinished Business- remove Item A, Budget Amendments

Under Item 08 New Business- add Item C, Fire Department Hose Replacement
Under Item 08 New Business- add Item D, DPW Director Wage and Review

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

The Board received the following:

1. Fruitport Township Planning Commission minutes dated March 17, 2015.
2. MTA Legislative updates.
3. Michigan Liquor Control Commission: received application for a license, as follows:
 - a. Transfer ownership – Fruitport Country Club, Inc., 6330 S Harvey, Muskegon
4. Fruitport Township Clean Up Days will be May 1st and 2nd
 5. Fruitport Township will be hosting a free tire collection with the County of Muskegon on May 9th
 6. A letter of recognition was received from Lt. Bruce Morningstar concerning two township officers, Jason Pavlige and James Hodges. The police department received a call concerning an unrestrained infant in a vehicle. It was determined the family did not have a car seat for the infant and did not have the means to purchase one. The officers went above and beyond by purchasing a car seat for the family with their own money.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none received

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

15-033 Letter of Support to Crockery Township for Grant Application

The motion by Chuck Whitlow, supported by Dave Markgraf , was **carried unanimously**, to adopt a resolution in support of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for a grant to develop Phase 2 of the North Bank Trail in Crockery Township.

15-034 Third Street Sewer Project (Third Avenue from Pontaluna Road south to Oak Street)

Chuck Whitlow moved, Dave Markgraf supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve West Michigan Dirt Works as low bidder on the Third Street sewer project contingent upon commitment signed by four businesses in the amount of at least \$90,000 and a franchise agreement completed with the Village of Fruitport.

Ayes: Whitlow, Markgraf, Hulka, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Werschem Nays: none

15-035 Fire Department Hose Replacement for 2015-2016

The motion by Marjorie Nash, supported by Ron Becklin, was **carried unanimously**, to use \$6,000 out of the Capital Improvement line item of \$15,000 for fire department hose replacement for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

15-036 DPW Director Wage and Review

Chuck Whitlow moved, supported by Marjorie Nash, **MOTION CARRIED**, to increase the DPW Director, Matt Farrar, wage by 2%, per his contract, for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Supervisor Werschem gave Director Farrar's review an excellent rating.

15-037 Payment of Bills

Dave Markgraf moved, Carol Hulka seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve bills in the following amounts: General Fund (including Parks) \$9,507.27; Public Safety \$34,339.92; Water \$44,368.90;

Sewer \$509.42 = \$88,725.51 Grand Total

Ayes: Markgraf, Hulka, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Whitlow, Werschem Nays: None

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PUBLIC COMMENTS / REPORTS

County Administrator, Mark Eisenbarth, introduced himself.

A Muskegon Community College student was in attendance working on a governmental project.

DPW Director, Farrar, reported that cell tower rental has increased by \$8,000 per month.

ADJOURMENT

The motion by Dave Markgraf, seconded by Ron Becklin, was **Carried Unanimously**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

CAROL HULKA, CLERK

BRIAN WERSCHRM, SUPERVISOR

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